PROBS-Local snowflurries, but partly fair and decidedly cold.

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PEACE PROPOSALS RECEIVED WITH CONTEMPT IN ENGLAND Rumanians Successfully Resist Foes in Buzeu Valley

Washington Thinks Proposal

Will Break Chains Bind-

ing United States.

Draw From Allies Some Indi-

cation of Their Future

Plans.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Germany's

proposal for peace is regarded here as

having broken the chains which for

months have restrained the United

States, as well as other neutrals, from

Now that one set of belligerents has

signified its wilingness to discuss

peace terms-a condition often reiter-

ated as necessary to any action by

President Wilson, there are indications

that when the United States, acting

German proposal, it may accompany

its action by some steps, necessarily delicate, to throw the influence of the

United States into the balance for at least a consideration, however preli-minary, of the terms on which a last-

ing peace might be brought to the world. Some ranking officials of the

Whether the United States will transmit the German proposals with-

out any comment whatever, or accom-

Must Consult the Dominions

antee for the future peace of the

Torpedoed Belgian Steamer

Before Any Peace is Made

naking offers of mediation.

WEDNESDAY MORNING DECEMBER 13 1916 -FOURTEEN PAGES

elal Cable to The Toronto World London, Dec. 12.-Positions in the Buzeu valley are being held by the Russians and the Lumanians against the Teuton advance, according to the official communication on the war ismued by Petrograd yesterday. In the Carpathians the Russians are con- Sixteen - Year - Old Bertram it died down the premier went on to passes leading into Transylvania.

The Rumanians fought successful actions on Sunday north of Thislau on the Krikov River and west of Mizil. The Germans clai mthat fighting is progressing along the whole front, and that Urziceni and Mizil are in their possession. They assert that in the past three days they have taken 10,000 prisoners, as well as several cannon and quantities of field equip-

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In the wooded Carpathians the Rus-

attacks and they captured one of the heights under contention.
The Berlin official communication, issued tonight, reports: "In Great Wallachia our victorious progress

against the Russians and Rumanians A Rome wireless report says that Petrograd reports the removal of some German divisions from Rumania to other fronts, and that the situation in Rumania is becoming more favorable

for the allies. LABOR SENATOR IDEA

tion.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—"When a politician has come to the stage when he has lost his usefulness he is appointed to the senate. There are many men in the senate whom I respect on ac-count of their age and dignity, but they are of no more use than a flake of snow." Speaking on behalf of the International Brotherhood of Locomo-tive Engineers and Firemen, who are

Union is to be made a senator,

TRENCH WARFARE KEEPS

Harass Germans South of

London, Dec. 18.—Trench warfare entinues lively on the British front. France, according to the official emmunication of Sir Douglas Haig

Allies Repulse Powerful
Teuton Attacks at Three
Points.

The British carried out successful mining operations south of Ypres in the vicinity of the bluff on Monday night and their shells set on fire and the areas behind the German support line and the areas behind the German front in retaliation for the shelling of points in the British rear. The German artillery and trench-mortars have been active opposite Neuve Chapelle and Vimy. Three German acroplanes were accounted for yesterday.

The French report that south of the Somme the two rival artilleries engaged in active operations in the Biaches and La Maisonette sectors.

Make Advances.

BOY FACES CHARGE

Spain is Arrested in Toronto Hotel.

WANTED IN WINNIPEG

Alleged to Have Murdered and Robbed Farmer and Wife at Stonewall,

"Sixteen years of age, but looks 18. wearing green felt hat, gray overcoat trians northeast of Chibena and in the Capul mountain region. They stopped the onsets by the violence of their fire. In another counter-attack east of Belbor, the Russians drove back the assaulting party and pursuing the foe they captured two heights.

On a front six miles northeast of Clibena and they captured one of the Russians also repulsed Austrian attacks and they captured one of the somety, and exactly at 11 o'clock Bert
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To Preserve Democracy.

"But, beneath all this lay buried in the heart and soul of our country the sacred fire of liberty, which broke into flame as war encompassed us, and will continue to burn clear and bright long after we have brought this war to the only possible conclusion. We fight not only to maintain the empire, not only to enforce a decent regard for the sanctity of treaties, but to preserve the future of democracy.

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last September, to learn farming with a homesteader names James Vincent, residing five miles northwest of Stone-President of Trainmen's Union
Replies to Crothers' Sugges
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residing five miles northwest of Stone-wall. The boy was hired for the position in England. He is alleged to have murdered Mr. Vincent and his wife last Saturday, and robbed them of over \$1000. That amount in bills was found upon him when he was searched to the police station.

at the police station.

To the police Spain admitted that he arrived in Toronto Monday afternoon, and was undecided whether to return to England or remain here He claimed that he had applied for en-listment in the British army, but tad een rejected as medically unfit.

Hindus and Other Asiatics Will Be Barred From U.S.

In session here. President Lawrence was session here. President Lawrence greeted with the above the proposal 42 to 14, the senate late today adopt-of Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of ed the committee amendment to the labor, that they should be represented immigration bill which would exclude in the senate. It is freely stated here that Presimentioning them by name and which dent Robertson of the Telegraphers' eliminates from the bill all reference to passport agreements.

CANADA WANTS NO DEACE AT DESCENT GERMANY'S PROPOSALS FOR PEACE

Sir Robert Borden Says That is Spirit of the

That is Why Canada is Fight- MAY FORCE SHOWDOWN

of the people of Canada, as it is the spirit of her men at the front, in the hospitals and in training." So said Sir Robert Borden at the great meeting here tonight. The application of his words to the news of the day swept over the audience, and for an instant there was a tumult of applause. When quote the famous words of Abraham Lincoln when he pledged his countrymen to victory in their just cause.

"That," he went on, "I believe is the spirit of Canada and of the whole einpire today. We here in Canada need not call anyone to witness that we did not want war. Our thoughts were of peace: we were engaged in a great peaceful enterprise of nation building, and perhaps we were in danger of not want war. Our thoughts were of and perhaps we were in danger of sinking into materialism. Nothing was further from us than the thought of

d from the street. He was registered the indissoluble resolve that there shall the consequent lull in fighting which is J. J. Young, but when questioned by the officers he admitted that he was Spain.

Spain came from London, England, est September, to learn farming with ties of mankind."

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Half an hour before the appointed hour, the Third Avenue Methodist Church, with its seating capacity of 2000, was filled and crowds had gathered outside its doors, to be accommodated in an overflow meeting at

a local theatre. Major Young introduced Premier Borden, Chief Justice Sir F. W. G. Haultain was on the platform.

PEACE WAS OFFERED

LATELY TO BELGIUM Intimation Given that if Terms Were Refused Monuments, Buildings and Towns

Would Fall. London, Dec. 13 .- The Daily Telegraph today prints prominently the

following:
"We have received information from an unimpeachable source that the central powers recently offered peace to Belgium on the following terms: The Belgians are invited to insist upon immediate peace. In return for this their country will be restored to them, its independence guaranteed and financial assistance given for its economic rehabilitation. "In the event of these terms being Belgium that her very existence—her monuments, her public buildings and

even her towns-is threatened. Peace and Good-Will, Not Yet

PREPOSTEROUS AND RIDICULOUS

Restoration of Belgium; but with conditions which would practically leave it under German control and probably give over the port of Antwerp

GERMANY'S PEACE PROPOSALS

Restoration of the occupied portions of northern France; but with conomic control, which would guarantee to Germany supplies of iron and other raw materials drawn from there.

path to the Persian Gulf and break England's gateway to India and Egypt. An award to Bulgaria of all Serbia as far south as Nish, which would

Turkey's interests are not fully developed.

VERDUN HERO HAS BEEN PROMOTED

as the intermediary, transmits the Gen. Nivelle Commands the French Armies of North and Northeast.

BEGIN REORGANIZATION

French Resident-General in Morocco.

pany it with some formal or informal expression, will not be finally decided until the note reaches President Wilson's bands, probably tomorrow. Paris. Dec. 13 .- Gen. Nivelle, commander of the French troops at Verdun, has been appointed commanderthe first step towards the reorganiza-tion of the higher command.

Gen. H. J. E. Gouraud, who was in

past few days that either he or Gen. Petain might succeed Gen. Joffre as ander-in-chief.

NEED GREATER EFFORTS TO SECURE VICTORY

London, Dec. 12.—Sir Edward Car-son, in a letter resigning the chairmanship of the Unionist party was of the admiralty post, writes:

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

London, Dec. 12.—The political crisis prevented a good many of the advertised speakers from attending the meeting at Queen's Hall today, where "The hour is a critical one for the nation and the empire, and if we are to bring the war to a successful and honorable conclusion we must have the a resolution was passed that the do-minions must be consulted before determined support of every man who loves his country. Still greater sacrifices must be made by all classes, and peace terms are made, and afterwards in matters affecting the empire as a whole. Lord Selborne said that if the empire had been organized for a forthe example set by our enemies in national organization can only be successempire had been organized for a for-eign policy three years ago, this war would not have happened. No blame, however, was attributable to the re-spective governments for this. Unity of empire would be the greatest guarfully combatted by similar action or our part."

Must Mark Net Weight **Upon Food Receptacles**

By a Staff Reporter. Ottawa. Dec. 12. -It is understood

Is Towed Into Falmouth that the government will introduce at the next session of parliament legisla-tion to deal effectively with the situa-London, Dec. 12.—A despatch to Lloyd's Shipping Agency from Fal-mouth, reports the Belgian steamer Keltier of 2360 tons, bound from Newtion created by packers reducing the contents of cans, packages, parcels and wrappers. This has had a vital effect upon the cost of living.

The proposed legislation will follow castle, N.B., for Queenstown, towed into that port this morning, full of water, from off the Scilly Islands. The water, from off the Scilly Islands. The steemer was abandoned, damaged by a submarine, but did not sink as previously reported. The vessel is now grounded in Falmouth harbor.

The proposed legislation will follow the American law, which compels those putting out articles of food to state on the outside of the cans, or of the receptacles, what the net weight of the centents is.

Domination of Mesopotamia by Germany and Austria, to give them

take from Serbia as much territory as she gained in the Balkan wars. The return to Germany of all her African colonies, or the exchange for them of the French colonies.

DU FOURNET HAS BEEN SUPERSEDED

Admiral Gaucher Now Commands Allied Squadron in Greek Waters.

GREEKS TO MOBILIZE

Gen. Gouraud Becomes the King Constantine Said to Have Ordered a General Move-

London, Dec. 12.-An official announcement made at Paris states that Vice-Admiral Du Fournet, commander dun, has been appointed commanderin-chief of the armies of the north
and northeast. The official announcement of this appointment says it is
the first step towards the reorganization of the higher command.

Gen. H. I. E. Gouraud, who was in
command of the French expeditionary force at the Dardanelles, but was in
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An Exchange Telegraph Company despatch from Copenhagen says advices have been received there from Switzerland to the effect that King Constantine of Greece has ordered a general mobilization.

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DEATH CLAIMS VETERAN MISSIONARY TO EGYPT

committee because of his acceptance Rev. Dr. Andrew Watson Labored Fifty-Five Years by Nile.

> London, Dec. 13 .- Rev. Dr. Andrew Watson, the renowned clergyman who for 55 years has been engaged in missionary work in Egypt, is dead, ac-cording to a Reuter despatch from

Kaiser Tells of Peace Offer In Message to His Troops

London, Dec. 12 .- A Central News despatch from Amsterdam says that set in the midst of a change of ad-Kaiser William has sent the following ministration, but as the new forcign notification to his commanding gen-

"Soldiers: In agreement with the sovereigns of my allies, and with the consciousness of victory, I have made an offer of peace to the enemy. Whe-ther it will be accepted is still uncertain "Until that moment arrives you will fight on."

Another Victim of Fire At Peterboro Passes Away

Peterboro, Dec. 12.-Philip Carboni another of the injured employes of the Quaker Oats Company, died this afternoon. The unofficial list of dead is five, missing 12, and injured 16. Of C. Kern, of Chicago, the company's superintending engineer, and Mr. Holloway, insurance manager, from the same city, are here.

Two German U-Boats Enter Port in the Canary Islands

Paris, Dec. 12.-A despatch to the Haves Agency from Las Palmas, Carary Islands, dated Dec. 10, but delayed in transmission, says that two German submarines are reported to have entered the port of Las Palmas and moored beside a Comman (transmission).

New French Cabinet Meets To Take Preliminary steps

Britain is Opposed to Even Discussing the Peace Proposal.

CANNOT BE ACCEPTED

No Definite Attitude Possible Until All Allies Consider Question.

London, Dec. 13 .- A strong current of public sentiment opposed to the German peace proposal was evident in the first expressions available last night both from public men and the British press, altho these were without knowledge of any definite terms and without any word from high authoritative sources indicating the attitude of the government.

The only information in the press reports was from Berlin, and in the absence of some tangible official proposition, British officials were disposed to maintain reserve. It was noticeable that the proposal had not created any profound impression among the average Londoners. There was little talk in the hotels or the public places, and in the hotels or the public places, and this discussion was far less animated than in the recent ministerial crisis. Government circles also held aloof from any discussion, with an evident desire to learn more of the details before committing the new administra-tion to a definite course of action. The foreign office would make no comment, in the absence of the terms, but into the present was embodied in the declarations made from time to time by the former premier and Viscount Grey, and that any new proposals would have to be considered by all the

ary force at the Dardanelles, but was wounded and invalided home, has been appointed to succeed Gen. Lyautey as French resident general in Morocco.

Gen. Nivelle was the hero of engagements at Fort Vaux and Douaumont. It has been reported in the past few days that either he or Gen.

An Exchange Telegraph Company and the proposals would prove entirely unacceptable, mainly because they were not likely to touch what the ruling authorities regarded as the most essential basis of any peace, namely, such guarantees against German militarism as would permit England, France and their allies to demobilize their vast armies, reduce their enormal despatch from Copenhagen says addressed to the proposals would prove entirely unacceptable, mainly because they were not likely to touch what the ruling authorities regarded as the most essential basis of any peace, namely, such guarantees against German militarism as would permit England, for the proposals would prove entirely unacceptable, mainly because they were not likely to touch what the ruling authorities regarded as the most essential basis of any peace, namely, such guarantees against German militaries are proposals would prove entirely unacceptable, mainly because they were not likely to touch what the ruling authorities regarded as the most essential basis of any peace, namely, such guarantees against German militaries are proposals would prove entirely unacceptable, mainly because they were not likely to touch what the ruling authorities regarded as the most essential basis of any peace, namely, such guarantees against German militaries are proposals would prove entirely unacceptable, mainly because they were not all the proposals would prove entirely unacceptable, mainly because they were not all the proposals would prove entirely unacceptable, mainly because they were not all the proposals would prove entirely unacceptable, mainly because they were not all the proposals would prove entirely unacceptable, mainly because they were not all the proposals would prove en

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GERMAN NOTE IS IN NATURE OF A COUP

Interesting Developments Are Likely, Says Prominent British Official.

London, Dec. 12,-A prominent official of the British Government told the Associated Press today that the German note was a delicate coup which would create interesting developments in the diplomatic situation and provide the first official peace overtures of the

The offer finds the foreign office upsecretary, A. J. Balfour, has kept most closely in touch while serving in a different department in the late ment it is not expected that it will take long for him to be as well prepared as Viscount Grey, the refiring foreign secretary, to take charge of Great Britain's end of any negotiations which might follow Germany's offer.

NURSING-SISTER TUPPER SUMMONED BY DEATH

Canadian Girl Dies Four Days After Decoration By King.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.
London, Dec. 12—The funeral of Sister Adrunna Tupper of the Red Cross was held yesterday. She died Saturday. Military honors were accorded. The coffin was carried by six officers of Hillingdon House, Uxbridge, Capts. Murphy, Swift, Wiswell, Merton, Lazier and Lieut. McKinnon, the patients sending a magnificent floral cross. Sister Tupper died four days after her decoration at Buckingham Palace with the Royal Red Cross. She

FURS FOR MEN.

Superb fur-lined overcoats with Beaver or Melton Cloth outside, lined with selected Canadian Mink, Can-adian or Russian Muskrat and with Paris, Dec. 12.—The members of the new cabinet, after having been presented to President Poincare, held their first meeting, which lasted until midnight. They decided to appear in the chamber Wednesday and in the senate on Thursday. ton, 20-22 King street west,

* WAR SUMMARY *

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

RMANY astonished the world yesterday by offering terms of peace to the allies thru American diplomatic channels and by making the announcement in the reichstag. Her offer is prompted not by love of humanity, for when the German armies were winning there was not a word about peace, but from the fear the word about peace and sold strength the word about peace and sold str making the announcement in the reichstag. Her offer is

Canadians Given Military Medals